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# Consumer Price Index

May 2016

## Overview

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in May rose 1.0% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.5% for Canada, 1.6% for Edmonton, 0.6% for Whitehorse and 2.2% for Iqaluit.

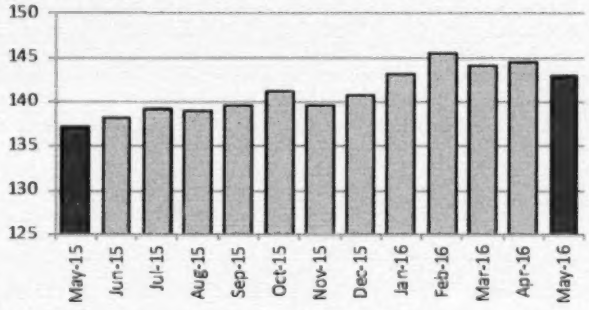
### All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

| | | | | % Change from | | 12-Month Average | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 16-May | 16-Apr | 15-May | 16-Apr | 15-May | 15-Jun 16-May | 14-Jun 15-May | % Change |
| Yellowknife | 131.9 | 131.9 | 130.6 | - | 1.0 | 131.3 | 129.0 | 1.8 |
| Canada | 128.8 | 128.3 | 126.9 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 127.4 | 125.7 | 1.4 |
| Edmonton | 135.4 | 135.0 | 133.3 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 134.3 | 132.1 | 1.7 |
| Whitehorse | 125.2 | 124.4 | 124.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 124.7 | 123.9 | 0.6 |
| Iqaluit | 123.1 | 122.8 | 120.4 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 121.6 | 118.9 | 2.3 |

Compared to May 2015, prices varied by major components with half decreasing and half increasing over the one year period. Recreation, reading & education saw the largest decrease, falling by 1.6%, while food increased by 4.2%.

Over the last 12 months, there has been an upward trend in Yellowknife food prices. Since peaking in February, the food index has declined in two of the last three months, most recently decreasing by 1.1% between April and May 2016.

**CPI - Food**
**Yellowknife, May 2015 to May 2016**




Prices also declined for other categories but not to the same extent as food. These decreases were entirely offset by price increases for transportation, recreation, and household operations & furnishings, leaving the overall price index for Yellowknife unchanged between April and May 2016.

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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MAY 2016
## SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)

| | 16-May | 16-Apr | 15-May | % Change from 16-Apr | % Change from 15-May |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Items | 131.9 | 131.9 | 130.6 | - | 1.0 |
| Food | 143.0 | 144.6 | 137.3 | -1.1 | 4.2 |
| Food from Stores | 142.6 | 144.8 | 136.7 | -1.5 | 4.3 |
| Food from Restaurants | 142.5 | 142.0 | 138.2 | 0.4 | 3.1 |
| Shelter | 149.1 | 149.1 | 149.7 | - | -0.4 |
| Water, Fuel & Electricity | 177.1 | 177.1 | 187.4 | - | -5.5 |
| Household Operations & Furnishings | 116.0 | 115.1 | 114.3 | 0.8 | 1.5 |
| Household Operations | 123.7 | 123.3 | 121.4 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| Household Furnishings | 99.6 | 97.9 | 99.1 | 1.7 | 0.5 |
| Clothing & Footwear | 102.5 | 103.3 | 102.6 | -0.8 | -0.1 |
| Clothing | 95.8 | 98.2 | 96.2 | -2.4 | -0.4 |
| Footwear | 95.2 | 93.5 | 96.7 | 1.8 | -1.6 |
| Clothing Accessories & Jewellery | 144.9 | 142.8 | 141.7 | 1.5 | 2.3 |
| Clothing Material, Notions & Services | 111.4 | 111.4 | 110.1 | - | 1.2 |
| Transportation | 127.2 | 126.2 | 124.8 | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| Private Transportation | 126.9 | 125.9 | 125.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| Public Transportation | 131.9 | 130.7 | 126.0 | 0.9 | 4.7 |
| Health & Personal Care | 122.1 | 123.1 | 117.5 | -0.8 | 3.9 |
| Health Care | 118.6 | 118.7 | 117.8 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| Personal Care | 125.7 | 127.3 | 118.6 | -1.3 | 6.0 |
| Recreation, Education & Reading | 103.3 | 103.2 | 105.0 | 0.1 | -1.6 |
| Recreation | 98.8 | 98.7 | 101.2 | 0.1 | -2.4 |
| Education & Reading | 129.9 | 129.9 | 126.6 | - | 2.6 |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products | 166.0 | 166.2 | 166.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Alcoholic Beverages | 144.7 | 144.9 | 149.6 | -0.1 | -3.3 |
| Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies | 193.6 | 193.6 | 184.8 | - | 4.8 |
| SPECIAL AGGREGATES: | | | | | |
| All-Items Excluding: | | | | | |
| Food | 129.9 | 129.6 | 129.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Energy | 128.8 | 128.9 | 126.5 | -0.1 | 1.8 |
| Shelter | 124.5 | 124.5 | 122.5 | - | 1.6 |
| Alcoholic Beverages | 131.6 | 131.6 | 130.2 | - | 1.1 |
| Tobacco Products | 130.8 | 130.8 | 129.5 | - | 1.0 |
| Housing (1986 Definition) | 138.8 | 138.5 | 139.6 | 0.2 | -0.6 |
| ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS: | | | | | |
| Energy | 160.8 | 158.7 | 173.4 | 1.3 | -7.3 |
| Electricity | 188.0 | 188.0 | 189.4 | - | -0.7 |
| Fuel Oil And Other Fuels | 177.4 | 177.4 | 212.7 | - | -16.6 |
| Natural Gas | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Gasoline | 128.5 | 124.0 | 139.5 | 3.6 | -7.9 |
| Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

Notes:

1. Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 326-0020
2. CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centres are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.